

LITTLE HOPE LEFT IN MEDIATION PLAN FEAR CLASH AT VERA CRUZ

OSLER CLIPPING IN POCKET, ENDS LIFE IN CREMATORY

In the crematorium of Lee's undertaking establishment, 322 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, where he had gone to view the body of a civil war comrade, Walter Johnson, seventy-two years old, for many years chief of the interference division of the Patent Office, ended his life shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon by shooting himself in the right temple with a revolver.

Mr. Johnson left a note to J. William Lee, the undertaker, giving explicit direction for the cremation of his body. Another note was also found in his pocket. This had apparently been written several days ago, indicating he had been contemplating suicide for some time.

To Charles F. Chisholm, a fellow-employee of the Patent Office, Mr. Johnson said only yesterday that he felt he did not have much longer to live, and asked that his body be cremated and buried without services of any kind.

NO FUNERAL, PLEA IN NOTE.

"I don't want a minister, or any funeral procession, or any ceremonies of any kind," he told Mr. Chisholm. "I want my departure from this world to be as quiet as possible. I don't want any notice in the newspapers."

The note which was found in the aged man's pocket read:

"My name is Walter Johnson. If hurt, take me to a hospital. If dead take my body to Lee's undertaking establishment, 322 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and notify Charles F. Chisholm and Ballard Morris, U. S. Patent Office (room 147), and they or either of them will take charge of my remains."

VIEWS VETERAN'S BODY.

Mr. Johnson entered the undertaking establishment without attracting any attention. In the chapel lay the body of a Grand Army man. Mr. Johnson stopped and looked at the body a moment, and then went to the crematorium back of the chapel and sent the bullet into his brain.

Mr. Johnson had been employed in the Patent Office for nearly thirty years, most of the time being chief of the interference division, one of the most important divisions of the office. He was reduced to an examiner last February. He was a bachelor and had no relatives in this city, so far as the police could learn.

Born in Jackson, Mich., he enlisted with the Union forces at the outbreak of the civil war, and served throughout the struggle. He was a lawyer, and in his capacity as chief of the interference division acted as one of the judges on the Patent Office bench.

OSLER CLIPPING IN POCKET.

Besides the two notes which he left, there was found in his pocket a clipping from a medical journal headed "An Echo of Osler." This clipping went on to say that men should realize that their vitality and health begins to wane at the age of forty or forty-five, and that after that age, if they wanted to attain old age they would have to "let down" in their activities.

Friends of Mr. Johnson stated that he had not been in good health for some time, and had seemed despondent over his physical condition.

LITTLE NAVY AMENDMENT DEFEATED BY 148-91 VOTE

The two-battleship program carried in the naval appropriation bill was practically assured of final approval by the House today, when an amendment for one battleship was badly defeated. Congressman Buchanan, "small navy" member of the Naval Affairs Committee, moved to amend the bill to provide only one new dreadnought. His amendment was rejected 148 to 91.

This test vote indicates ultimate approval of the two-battleship paragraph, as well as the other naval increase items carried in the pending appropriation bill. The bill provides for two dreadnoughts, six torpedo boat destroyers, and eight submarines. All of these items probably will be approved before the House adjourns tonight.

The vote this afternoon was taken in committee of the whole, where roll call was impossible, but the result indicates a safe lead on a record vote when the naval bill is put on final passage. A two hours' debate between the big navy and little navy advocates preceded the vote.

LODGE READS LIST OF VILLA OUTRAGES

Senator Tells Senate Long Roll
of Crimes Recorded in London Newspaper.

An appalling list of the outrages committed during the life of General Villa, from the time when, at fourteen years of age he was sent to jail for cattle stealing, was read into the Record of the Senate this afternoon by Senator Lodge. He read an article from the London Telegraph of April 15.

The article recorded the deeds of Villa in great detail, telling of his cattle stealing, murders, torture of men and women, assaults and other crimes. Objections had been made to the reading of this article earlier in the day, so Senator Lodge read it when the canal bill came up for discussion, following the speech of Senator Stone. He said that anything pertaining to the future government of Mexico was interesting in connection with the canal, and he would, therefore, read some incidents in regard to the life of one of the candidates for the presidency of Mexico.

Lippitt Asks About Reported Pact With Villa

The rumored alliance of this Government with General Villa, with the object of putting in Villa as President of Mexico, came in for bitter debate in the Senate this afternoon. Senator Lippitt of Rhode Island put in a resolution of inquiry asking the State Department if there was any foundation for this reported alliance with Villa. On objection by Senator Stone this went over for consideration until tomorrow.

Senator Stone, as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, objected to the spirit behind the introduction of the resolution, saying he did not see why such newspaper reports should be dignified by such an inquiry.

"That is not an editorial, it is a news item, in a Washington newspaper," said Senator Lippitt.

"That makes no difference, it amounts to the same thing," retorted Senator Stone.

Madden Would Make War Agitators Traitors

Assailing men in this country who incite trouble in Mexico, Congressman Madden of Illinois, spoke briefly in the House today, expressing the hope that some member will introduce a bill making it a treasonable offense to agitate a revolution or disturbance in any sister republic.

Without mentioning names, Mr. Madden asserted that men with headquarters in the Hibbs building, in this city, and in New York, ought not to go unpunished for the part they are playing in Mexico.

No citizen of the United States ought to be allowed to go unpunished, said Mr. Madden, who identifies himself with any movement for the advocacy of war between this country and any other country. I hope some lawyer in this House will introduce a bill making it treason to follow the practices followed by men of the parties favoring the different elements in the Mexican situation.

No man should go unpunished who identifies himself with such a movement. The time has come when we ought to declare such treason punishable, just as much as treason against the flag. Through the influence of such men, advocating projects for the exploitation of a weak nation, we find ourselves today on the verge of war with Mexico.

FIVE ARE DEAD IN OKLAHOMA FLOOD

Twelve Railroad Bridges Swept
Away. Crops Gone, and Loss
Half Million.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 5.—Five lives were lost and twelve large railroad bridges were swept away by floods which swept down the South Canadian and Cimarron rivers, according to complete returns received today. The property loss will exceed half a million dollars. Crops were destroyed for 100 miles along the Canadian river, and 200 miles along the Cimarron river. Train service was paralyzed for two days, and telegraph and telephone service a large section between the two rivers was cut off. The death list in the disaster last Saturday and Sunday included: W. I. WERNER, superintendent of bridges, Rock Island railroad, head-quarters in Ft. Reno; W. P. NELAND, of Great Rock Island bridges, corporate; L. E. LINDSAY, of Great Rock Island bridges, corporate; and three teachers of Perry Graded, Two Points.

HANDLED MEXICAN AFFAIR IN ITS CRISIS



At Left—REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER, Who Directed the Seizing of Vera Cruz by United States Forces; CHARGE D'AFFAIRES NELSON O'SHAUGHNESSY, Uncle Sam's Agent in Mexico City, Who Is on His Way for a Conference With the President.

JOHNSON ON HILL AGAINST NEW YORK

By burning oil and spreading sawdust between players this afternoon, the Nationals were able to stage an alleged ball game with New York. Even the hundred spectators who were loyal enough to attend, could get little run for their money of passes, as real baseball was out of the question.

Case Goes to Grand Jury.

As the result of a quest for a cup in the pocket of the shoeblack early on April, Charlie Fannelli, a former convict, was over and forgotten. When Fannelli advanced upon Undergang and slashed him with a knife, inflicting a severe wound in the abdomen, which the surgeons for a time feared would prove fatal.

Today's Results In Stock Market

Thirteen railroad and industrial stocks closed. Average price 82 1/2. Average yesterday 82 1/2. Average a week ago 82 1/2. Average a month ago 82 1/2. Average a year ago 82 1/2.

CHARGES SCHEME TO INFLUENCE I. C. C.

Senator La Follette Scores Wilson for Silence on Implication He Sought Control.

Criticizing President Wilson for failing to let it be known that he resented the implication that he was seeking to control the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the advance rate case, Senator La Follette made a speech in the Senate this afternoon in which he assailed what he termed an "organized conspiracy" to secure from the commission a decision favorable to the 5 per cent increase in Eastern territory.

Says It's Unbelievable.

"It is unbelievable that President Wilson could have ever entertained such a monstrous thought," said Senator La Follette. "He or any other man of integrity of character would as soon have attempted from his place to influence the decision of the Supreme Court."

BIDS O'SHAUGHNESSY HASTEN TO CAPITAL

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 5.—(Un-)doubtedly glad to be back in the United States, said Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires in Mexico, when he arrived here today from Mexico City via Vera Cruz. His wife and child accompanied him. O'Shaughnessy will leave here tonight at 9:30 o'clock, going direct to Washington.

A messenger lay waiting at the dock all night with a telegram, which O'Shaughnessy said was from Secretary Bryan instructing him to return to Washington with all possible speed.

"I don't expect to be sent back to Mexico City," he said. "They usually send back a new man."

Asked his opinion of Huerta, he said that his dealings with him were largely of a business nature, and he would not express an opinion.

Chicago Grain Market.

Wheat—Open 82 1/2, High 83 1/2, Low 82 1/2, Close 82 1/2. Corn—Open 52 1/2, High 53 1/2, Low 52 1/2, Close 52 1/2. Soybeans—Open 18 1/2, High 19 1/2, Low 18 1/2, Close 18 1/2.

FUNSTON AND MAYO, IN CHARGE OF U. S. FORCES, PREPARE FOR CONFLICT

A feeling of intense nervousness pervades official Washington this afternoon. Fears that a sensational break was imminent in the Mexican situation were privately voiced by high officials. None would give any reasons for this opinion. Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, the only Cabinet members who would discuss Mexico at all, said there was no change in the outlook.

Their view was that the situation seemed to be working slowly but surely toward a satisfactory conclusion. And for publication, at least, they continued to hold the view that the elimination of Carranza from the mediation negotiations was in no way ominous.

Other officials held an opposite opinion. They very frankly characterized the Vera Cruz situation as menacing. They insisted there can be no doubt that the federals there are preparing to attack the Americans. Should such an attack be made, they said, it must be followed by an immediate advance of Funston's men. And if the Americans are forced to take the aggressive, they feared it will set all Mexico aflame and bring about what Huerta has been aiming at all along, amalgamation of all factions against the United States.

News of two additional deaths at Vera Cruz had a saddening effect everywhere. It had been hoped that all the wounded would recover, and the news that two more had died, bringing the death toll to nineteen, was depressing.

While Mexican affairs occupied only a few minutes of the time of the regular Cabinet meeting, the President and Secretary Bryan considered the matter nearly two hours. Mr. Bryan would say nothing regarding this conference. It is known, however, the President had before him the conclusions arrived at by the general staff, which has considered Funston's position and which, should Maas take the offensive, will call for the immediate dispatch of 11,000 coast artillerymen, organized as infantry, to Vera Cruz. Funston, in the meantime, is holding his position, with bluejackets and marines aiding his regulars.

TWO MORE MEN ADDED TO VERA CRUZ DEATH TOLL

Two more men were added to the Vera Cruz death list today. Harry Pulliam, fireman, and Clarence Hirshberger, seaman, of the battleship Utah, died of wounds received in the landing fight. Pulliam died as the result of a gunshot wound which had penetrated his chest, abdomen and spinal chord and had paralyzed the lower half of his body.

Hirshberger died after his right thigh had been amputated of complications in the region of the wound.

Pulliam's home was Pulaski, Va., and Hirshberger's at 160 Center street, Waverly, New York.

This brought the death list total to nineteen. Other patients at Vera Cruz are reported doing well.

Today's Score By Innings

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
New York...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Batteries—McHale and Sweeney; Johnson and Ainsmith.